

President Chad Doll called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on January 5, 2026 at 701 Parlette Court with the following members present: Alex Stinebaugh, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Alex Greve, John Sheipline, Jacob Parsons and Chad Dunlap. Safety Service Director Tyler Price and Law Director Grant Neal were also present. There were 2 visitors present. Mayor Dan Lee was absent.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Dunlap to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 public hearing as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Parsons to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 council meeting as submitted. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Parks Committee – a meeting was held on 12-22-2025 and the following was discussed:

Noah Steinke presented his plan for a human foosball game at Veteran's park utilizing the current volleyball pit. The game will be 20x40 feet and cost approximately \$5000. The original plan was to have a compact sand surface but after some discussion it was felt that that might not hold up well in the long term. The plans also indicate a wall all the way around to keep the ball inside the course. The City will remove the current poles in the volleyball pit.

Questions included:

How do we encourage people to play and can we get a sign with the rules?

Is there an opportunity to adjust the pole height for different age groups to play?

Could a chain versus a pipe cut down on cost and risk of people sitting on the poles?

Tyler Price will confirm with the Engineering department if any permits are needed.

The committee thanked Noah for his project and looked forward to its installation in 2026.

Tyler Price shared that the job posting for a new Recreation Director has gone live. The requirements include getting Municipal Pool Certified and hopefully getting certified to train lifeguards.

Brent at the water treatment department has confirmed his willingness to assist getting the new person up to speed for pool chemical balances in the event that the retiring Jack Hazylett is unavailable to assist.

Unfinished Business -

President Doll noted that committee assignments will remain as-is for now, with Mr. Parsons filling the vacancies left by Mr. Campbell.

Service Director Price announced that though the ordinance for the park levy was submitted to the Board of Elections, House Bill 56 has required a change of language. It is possible that this ordinance will need to be re-done to reflect proper language.

New Business –

Service Director Price stated that the city's Policies & Procedures Manual has been updated and provided to Council for their review. Most of the needed revisions deal with inventory and financial polices as well as employer law changes.

Motion by Sheipline, second by Greve to appoint Councilor Parsons as CIC representative. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Greve to appoint Councilor Muhlenkamp as President Pro Tem. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2025-46R for the third time re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB TITLES AND PAY RANGES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Sheipline to adopt Ord 2025-46R. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Ord 2026-01 for the first time re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS, SERVICES, AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA.

Motion by Greve, second by Stinebaugh to suspend the rules for Ord 2026-01. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Muhlenkamp, second by Greve to adopt Ord 2026-01. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-02 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CITY PROPERTY THROUGH INTERNET AUCTION.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to suspend the rules for Res 2026-02. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Greve, second by Muhlenkamp to adopt Res 2026-02. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President Doll asked Clerk to read Res 2026-03 for the first time re: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF WAPAKONETA ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS STORM SEWER EXTENSION FUND FOR THE CM02AA, WATER STREET RECONSTRUCTION WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Parsons to suspend the rules for Res 2026-03. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Shepline, second by Greve to adopt Res 2026-03. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Safety Service Director Report:

Submitted necessary information for 2024 fiscal year to Ohio Checkbook.

775 subscribers to the city's email alerts.

'Report of Concern' feature has been added to the city's website.

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Eisert and Jack Hayzlett of the Parks Dept retired at end of 2025. Code enforcement issues should now be directed to the Engineering Dept.

Mr. Dunlap asked for updates on the city's refuse and recycling services. SSD Price will meet with the Waste Minimization Committee.

Mrs. Muhlenkamp asked if first responders were hindered by the stopped train dividing the city last week. SSD Price noted no issues, explaining that the city reached out to CSX multiple times for information and learned there were engine failures with the train.

Mr. Dunlap and Mrs. Muhlenkamp requested communications within utility bills regarding the 'Report of Concern' and email alert tools for the public.

Mr. Greve pointed out a stoplight timing issue on Defiance and Harrison Street intersection.

Mr. Greve asked for an update on leaf pickup. SSD Price noted this truck needs further repairs, then leaf pickup will likely occur through the end of January.

Mr. Stinebaugh noted that the yellow paint on the curbing of Primrose Drive is peeling off into storm sewers and yards.

Law Director Report:

No report.

Scheduling Committee Meetings:

Facade Committee will meet January 8th at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Shepline to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Vote – 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

President

Clerk of Council

